

THE REHEARSAL.

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WEDNESDAY, July 24th 1706.

(1.) Country-Man. **T**He Review of the 8th. Instant, Num. 82. Calls rhe Execution of Cornish a Barbarous Specimen of Tyranny and Conquest. And says he was Butcher'd by the Barbarity of those times. He was Condemn'd for Treason against K. Char. 2. Did K. Char. 2. Conquer England?

Rehears. Yes, Country-Man, when he Conquer'd the Whiggs! For they think themselves all the Nation! And he Conquer'd them very Easily, without any other Force than the Laws. And they may be as Easily Conquer'd still.

(2.) Country-m. This Cornish and College the Joiner, and all that Suffer'd for the Rye-House Conspiracy, are set down by Partridge in his Almanacks, in Red Letters as Martyrs. Why, Master, was not that an Assassination Plot? And was it not fully Prov'd, and Confess'd by those who Suffer'd for it? And are there not Un-Exceptionable Witnesses to it still Living, as Mr. Carstares, &c. who have given it upon Oath? How then can these be Martyrs? How was it Murder and Tyranny to let the Law pass upon these men? Are not Assassination Plots to be Punish'd?

Rehears. Not against Lawful Kings! Especially of the Name of Stuart! This is their Doctrin! And let the Review give any other Reason if he Can, why it was Murder and Tyranny to Punish Assassimators then more than Afterwards! But there is a Sting in his Mentioning this of Cornish. For the Present Worthy Lord Mayor of London was Fore-Man of his Jury, and other Honest and Loyal Citizens were of that Jury. Who being True Church-Men, are here Innuend'o'd to be Murderers and Barbarous Butcherers. He cannot miss a Blow at the Church, or any that are her True Sons. This was a Stab under the Fifth-Rib, in the Dark!

(3.) Country-m. Have you seen, Master, how the Review of the 6th Instant, Num. 81. has Dung-Carted Mr. C—r. a Member of Parliament? And they tell me this Mr. C—r is a Man of Good Estate and Interest in his Country.

Rehears. The Insolence of the Review is Intolerable! He deserves no Answer, unless it be from some of Mr. C—r's Foot-Men. He Studies to Provoke, in the most Affronting manner he can think of. And then cries Peace and Union, Gentlemen, and lay aside your Heats! And surely the High-Church (as he calls them) shew no small Instance of their Moderation, while they can Patiently bear such Insults, and from such Hands!

(4.) Country-m. He thinks he Fights under the Protection of the House of Commons, because they sent Mr. C—r to the Tower.

Rehears. And they thought that Punishment Sufficient. They did not expell him the House. And while he has the Honour to Sit in that House, he has a Title to all the Respects due to a Member of that Honourable House. And the vile Insults of De Foe Reflect upon the Honour of the House. Felton that Murder'd the Duke of Buckingham Alledg'd a Vote of the House of Commons against the Duke for his Warrant, as if thereby they had given Authority to whoever pleas'd to Assassinate him. As little did that Vote of the House of Commons which sent Mr. C—r to the Tower Authorize De Foe to Dung-Cart one of their Members. And there is no Doubt but he wou'd Felton him too, if he Durst! And many More than Mr. C—r, even all of High Church, and the Clergy, upon whom he has already pass'd Sentence, and Hounded on the Mobb to Execute it! As I have before fully shew'd.

Country-m. He spends Another whole Review of the 11th Instant, Num. 83. Upon Mr. C—r.

(5.) Rehears. He may spend Twenty, in his way of Spinning Rhetorick, upon what may be told in three Lines. He Implies the first Page, for want of Matter, in his own Commendation, of his Courage, and Love to Truth, and hating Flattery, a Baseness (says he) so Rank, so Fulsome, so Despicable, and so much below, &c.

Country-m. So, so, so, This is the Pudding the Pye again! I fancy I cou'd Spin out at this Rate while my Breath cou'd last, and say

say a great Deal of something upon Nothing! For in Jingle, or in Song, we mind not the Sense but the Tune! like as in a Humming-Top!

Rehears. You have got his Receipt, Country-Man, how to make Wit and Rhetorick, and Argument too! You may, by this, as he does, Prove that 2 and 3 make 5, for 5 Pages together, and yet All be Florid and Fine! So Delicious, so Delicate, so Diverting! Thus the Greatest Part of this Review is taken up in Proving, That Aden are but Instruments in the Hands of God; nay not only other Men, but Soldiers and Officers nay and Generals too! Nay, not only so, but States-Men and Privy Counsellors too! Nay, not only so, but even Kings and Queens themselves! Is not that Much! And all this said over and over again, and yet not Twice the same way, tho' All be the self same thing! The words Dance and turn Round, like a Pig on a Spit.

In his Satyr he Imitates Virgil for the Number of his Books, but Battus for the Verse and Eloquence, who when Mercury ask'd him about some Stray Sheep, Answer'd,

Sub illis
Montibus, inquit, erant, &
erant, sub Montibus illis.

They were under these Mountains,
and under these Mountains they were.

Country-m. Well! I thank the Review, he has done me a Kindness! For Surely I Shal't hereafter be at a loss for Wit, Eloquence, and Argument neither; no Surely I Shal't.

But what say you to his Facts of Mr. C—r's Signing or not Signing the Address from Hertford?

(6.) Rehears. He has for ever lost his Credit with me as to Facts. For I can truly say it, That since I came into the World, I never knew his Fellow for Lying. The Observer Lies as Fast as he, but not so Fastly! For the Review takes Pains to Dress up a Lie, and give it all its Turns and Circumstances, and with the Help of his Rhetorick, and Assurance, to make it Current! And when Detected, to Turn t'other Side of it, and t'other. But never to Yield or Retract, that is, never to speak a True word! Tho' his Pen is Lifted in the Service of Truth! If you will take his Word!

In his of the 13th Instant, Num 84. He Promises, if I'll Oblige him, to Prove the Story of the WEATHER-COCK, which (says he) by the way I have good Vouchers for. Now, Country-Man, I desire thee, I desire every one that Reads this to Look into my Rehearsals, N. 101. and 102. with the other Rehearsals Quoted in Num. 101. Which shews the whole Progress of this Story of the Weather-Cock. And then let any one Judge whether he thinks there is a Man in the World, except De Foe, who wou'd have had the Face to Name this Story again, and as here to say, he has Vouchers for it! Such another Instance never came in my way. And perhaps is not to be found since the Earth was made! But it gives him the Honour to be an Original!

(7.) Country-m. But why will you not Oblige him? Master, that he may Produce his Vouchers. He has this for an Excuse.

And he says, That he will then likewise Prove the MINISTERS Concern'd in bringing in the PLAY-HOUSE to BUY their LICENCE of the CHURCH. And to Prove the TAUNTON Story. And to make GENERALS Compound for all the PARTICULARS. That is, from a Particular Accusation of this or that Clergy-Man, to Infer a General Charge against the whole Body of the Clergy. Which was the thing you laid upon him. And he Promises more over thus, I'll Prove, he (that is your Self Master,) has never Answer'd Mr. DE LAUN'S Book, no nor any Body else. I'll bring him a List of the 8000 DISSENTERS Murther'd by HIGH-CHURCH Persecution. And indeed I'll make good every thing I have said in the whole Course of these Papers, or Acknowledge where I am mistaken, let him but Answer this one fair Question. And that Question is in these words, If the Kings of England have an Inherent Divine Right of Succession to the Government—Whom Title her Majesty has to the Crown? And for what Reason, but to Invalidate that Title, is the Doctrin of Divine Right now Started?

(8.) Rehears. He has Ask'd that Question 20 times. And I have Answer'd it 10 of ten, that he here Calls me, A Mer Rehearsal of My self. He thought the Doctrin of Divine Right broke in upon the Revolution, and Consequently upon the Queens Right to the Crown. I Answer'd this so Fully and Plainly, that he Knockt under Board, and Demanded Time to Clear Himself and his Party from being the Enemies of the Revolution and of her Majesty. Which thinking he has now Perform'd in his Opus Palmare of a Satyr against Jure Divino, he calls upon me again for an Answer. And I will not Delay to consider that Mighty Work! And from the Epitome he has given us of it in this Review, he has made the Task very Easy to me. And I do hereby undertake to shew, That he has not Mended the Matter one Bit, but rather made it Worse. And that he is still as Great an Enemy to the Queen and the Revolution as he was before. That his Notion of Jure Divino is Rank Treason against her Majesty, and Exposes her to be Depos'd and Destroy'd, by every Body, by any Tutchin or De Foe. And that my Notion of Jure Divino do's Save her from all this. And is the only thing can Save her.

(9.) But in the mean time, I desire him to Answer this small Question Fully and Fairly, Whether his Declaming against any Hereditary Entail of the Crown, and calling it Hereditary Slavery, and an Encroachment upon the Rights of the People, be not a Direct Arraigning the Hereditary Entail of the Crown, as now Establish'd by Law? And whether that Law do's not make it High-Treason for any, by Word or Writing, to Arraign that Entail? I leave him to take Advice of Council Learned in the Law, upon this Point. And so Dismiss him for this Time.

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